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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:) 2EL 58 500
Sebastian SUERBAUM et al.) Group Art Unit: 1647
Serial No.: 09/015,078) Examiner: Sharon L. TURNER
Filed: January 29, 1998)
For: CLONING AND CHARACTERIZATION OF THE Flba GENE OF <i>H. PYLORI</i> , PRODUCTION OF AFFLAGELLATE STRAINS))))

Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants hereby petition for a one month extension of time to reply to the Office Action dated May 19, 2003 (Paper No. 25). Applicants submit that a one month extension is sufficient, because the Office was closed Friday, September 19, 2003. A fee of \$110.00 is enclosed.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

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Respectfully submitted,

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